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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

retrieving scheduling information from ~~exchanging medical care information with a~~ medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

transmitting the scheduling information to ~~exchanging patient information with a remote~~ patient device via a communication network, ~~the patient information being associated with the~~ ~~medical care information.~~

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

receiving from the remote patient device an indication associated with the scheduling information; and

arranging for the indication to be transmitted to the medical care provider device.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the indication comprises at least one of: (i) a request to adjust the scheduling information; (ii) an adjustment to the scheduling information, and (iii) a confirmation of the scheduling information.

5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said receiving comprises receiving the indication via a Web page and said arranging comprises converting the indication to an electronic mail message.

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6. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said arranging comprises at least one of: (i) transmitting the indication to the medical care provider device, and (ii) storing the indication via the medical care information device.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, further comprising:
retrieving supplemental information associated with the patient; and
transmitting the supplemental information to the remote patient device.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the supplemental information comprises at least one of: (i) a patient name, (ii) an image of the patient, and (iii) information associated with a medical care provider.

9. (currently amended) The method claim 2 1, further comprising:
determining at least one update to the scheduling information; and
transmitting an indication of the update to the remote patient device.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein the scheduling information includes at least one of: (i) the medical care provider, (ii) a medical care treatment, (iii) a medical care category, (iv) an appointment date, (v) an appointment time, and (vi) an appointment duration.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein the scheduling information is associated with at least one of: (i) a medical examination, (ii) a medical treatment, and (iii) a medical procedure.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein the scheduling information is associated with a plurality of at least one of: (i) medical care providers, and (ii) medical care information devices.

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13-21. (canceled)

22. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the medical care provider device is associated with at least one of the following: (i) the medical care provider, (ii) a hospital, (iii) a medical clinic, and (iv) a doctor.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the medical care information device is further adapted to exchange at least one of the following with the medical care provider device: ~~(i) scheduling information, (ii) (i) clinical data, (iii) (ii) an electronic medical record associated with the patient, (iv) (iii) budget information, (v) (iv) oncology information, (vi) (v) chemotherapy charting, (vii) (vi) outcome management, (viii) (vii) clinical imaging, and (ix) (viii) transcription information.~~

24. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote patient device comprises at least one of: (i) a personal computer, (ii) a portable computing device, (iii) a telephone, (iv) an interactive television device, and (v) a kiosk.

25. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of: (i) the Internet, (ii) a public network, (iii) a public switched telephone network, (iv) a proprietary network, (v) a wireless network, and (vi) a local area network.

26. (currently amended) A controller, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device in communication with said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

retrieve scheduling information from ~~exchange medical care information with a~~
medical care information device, the medical care information device being in

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communication with a medical care provider device associated with a medical care provider; and

transmit the scheduling information to exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a communication network, the patient information being associated with the medical care information.

27. (original) The controller of claim 26, wherein said storage device further stores at least one of: (i) a patient database, (ii) a scheduling database, and (iii) a supplemental information database.

28. (original) The controller of claim 26, further comprising:

a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one of: (i) a patient device, (ii) a medical care information device, and (iii) a medical care provider device.

29. (currently amended) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method of facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, said method comprising:

retrieving scheduling information from exchanging medical care information with a medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

transmitting the scheduling information to exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a communication network, the patient information being associated with the medical care information.

30. (original) A computer-implemented method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

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retrieving treatment scheduling information associated with the patient from a medical care information database, the medical care information database also being accessed by a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider;

retrieving an image of the patient;

transmitting to the patient the treatment scheduling information and the image of the patient via a Web site;

receiving from the patient an indication associated with the treatment scheduling information via the Web site;

converting the indication into an electronic mail message; and

arranging for the electronic mail message to be transmitted to the medical care provider device.

31. (canceled)

32. (original) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

receiving scheduling information at a patient device via a communication network, the scheduling information being based on information stored at a medical care information device accessed by the medical care provider; and

transmitting from the patient device a request to adjust the scheduling information.

33. (currently amended) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

transmitting scheduling information to ~~exchanging medical care information with a~~ medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a controller that that transmits the scheduling information ~~patient information~~ to a remote patient device based on the medical care information; and

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receiving an indication associated with the scheduling information ~~patient information~~.

34. (currently amended) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient, comprising:

retrieving scheduling information from ~~exchanging medical care information with a~~
medical care information device via a proprietary communication network; and

transmitting the scheduling information to ~~exchanging patient information with a remote~~
patient device via a public communication network, ~~the patient information being associated~~
~~with the medical care information.~~

35. (new) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

exchanging medical care information with a medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a communication network, the patient information being associated with the medical care information,

wherein said exchanging patient information comprises receiving journal information from the remote patient device, and said exchanging medical care information comprises transmitting a least a portion of the journal information to the medical care information device.

36. (new) The method of claim 35, wherein the journal information comprises at least one of: (i) text information, (ii) audio information, and (iii) image information.

37. (new) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

receiving from the remote patient device an indication of the portion of the journal information that should be transmitted to the medical care information device.

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38. (new) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

exchanging medical care information with a medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a communication network, the patient information being associated with the medical care information,

wherein said exchanging medical care information comprises retrieving medical diagnosis information from the medical care information device, and said exchanging patient information comprises transmitting to the remote patient device at least one of: (i) information associated with another patient, and (ii) information associated with a support group.

39. (new) The method of claim 38, further comprising:

determining address information associated with the patient, wherein the patient information transmitted to the remote patient device is further based on the address information.

40. (new) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

exchanging medical care information with a medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a communication network, the patient information being associated with the medical care information,

wherein said exchanging medical care information comprises retrieving medical diagnosis information from the medical care information device, and said exchanging patient information comprises transmitting educational information to the remote patient device.

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41. (new) The method of claim 40, wherein the educational information comprises at least one of: (i) information associated with the medical care provider, (ii) information generated by the medical care provider, and (iii) information reviewed by the medical care provider.

42. (new) A method for facilitating an exchange of information associated with medical care provided to a patient by a medical care provider, comprising:

exchanging medical care information with a medical care information device, the medical care information device being in communication with a medical care provider device associated with the medical care provider; and

exchanging patient information with a remote patient device via a communication network, the patient information being associated with the medical care information,

wherein said exchanging medical care information comprises retrieving at least one medical instruction from the medical care information device and said exchanging patient information comprises transmitting the medical instruction to the remote patient device.

43. (new) The method of claim 42, further comprising:

receiving from the remote patient device an indication that the patient has complied with the medical instruction.